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OFFICE FOR EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS

Resources Available from the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis

JUBILEE FOR CATECHISTS

"ANNOUNCING THE MERCY OF GOD"

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2016



"WHO ARE CATECHISTS? THEY ARE PEOPLE
WHO KEEP THE MEMORY OF GOD ALIVE;
THEY KEEP IT ALIVE IN THEMSELVES AND
THEY ARE ABLE TO REVIVE IT IN OTHERS."

(Daily Mass on the Occasion of the Day for Catechists during the
Year of Faith, Month of Holy Father, Pope Francis, September 26, 2013)





Jubilee for Catechists: "Announcing the Mercy of God"

- Online resources for dioceses and parishes to emphasize the special role of the catechist. Designed for both individual and group use.
- <http://www.cccb.ca/site/eng/office-for-evangelization-and-catechesis/4482-jubilee-for-catechists>



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Document Title	Commission	Description	Use
 A Church in Dialogue - Catholics and Muslims in Canada: Believers and Citizens in Society	Christian Unity	Coinciding with the end of Ramadan, July 18, 2015, the CCCB Commission for Christian Unity, Religious Relations with the Jews, and Interfaith Dialogue has developed a pastoral resource to help Canadian Catholics better understand their Muslim neighbours, entitled <i>Catholics and Muslims in Canada: Believers and Citizens in Society</i> . The first of the resource presents the origins of Islam, its main currents today, its similarities with and differences from Christianity. The second part provides an overview of the history and present state of interreligious dialogue between Catholics and Muslims, both at the international and national level, concluding with some suggestions about how everyone can contribute to such dialogue.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Staff meeting/retreat ✓ Chaplain/Chaplaincy Leader ✓ Religious Education (World Religions Grade 11) ✓ English (Literacy, Writer's Craft, Media Studies) ✓ Equity and Inclusive Education - Religious Accommodation Guidelines
 A Church in Dialogue: Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Nostra Aetate	Christian Unity	To mark the 50 th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council's Declaration <i>Nostra Aetate</i> , the CCCB Commission for Christian Unity, Religious Relations with the Jews, and Interfaith Dialogue has developed a pastoral resource entitled <i>A Church in Dialogue - The Catholic Church and Interreligious Dialogue</i> . This resource is well suited for parishes and high school religious classes, providing an introduction to the Catholic Church's involvement in and contributions to interreligious dialogue over the past 50 years. The renewed relationship with the Jewish people and the fruitfulness of Catholic-Jewish relations is a central theme highlighted in this document. <i>Nostra Aetate</i> , the Declaration on the Relation of the Church with Non-Christian Religions, was promulgated by Blessed Pope Paul VI, October 28, 1965.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Staff meeting/retreat ✓ Chaplain/Chaplaincy Leader ✓ Religious Education (Catholic Culture 10, World Religions 11, In Search of the Good 12) ✓ English (Literacy, Writer's Craft, Media Studies) ✓ History (World History, Canadian History) ✓ Law (Canadian and International Law) ✓ Equity and Inclusive Education - Religious Accommodation Guidelines

Resource List

- Chart with descriptions and direct links to documents produced by the CCCB. These documents are beneficial for use at staff meetings and retreats, for chaplains and chaplaincy leaders, and in classrooms of religious education, English, history and law.
- http://www.cccb.ca/site/images/stories/pdf/Materials_from_CCCB_-_OEC_Chart.pdf



ON GOOD SOIL
EVANGELIZATION &
CATECHESIS OF ADULTS

Winter 2016

Greetings from the Office for
Evangelization & Catechesis

I have been profoundly moved by images of Pope Francis as he reaches out to acknowledge the vulnerable among us. This image speaks clearly to me about our call to be "merciful like the Father."



My nephew Christopher is a 26-year-old man living with cerebral palsy. The effects of CP have left him unable to speak but able to communicate with sign language and communication boards. It has left him unable to walk but able to get around in a wheelchair propelled by his parents, friends or care worker. It has left him unable to feed himself but able to take nourishment that is pureed and fed to him.

Christopher's life, his well-being, is dependent on the mercy of the Father, and he depends

each day on those around him to perform the corporal works of mercy in order that he might live fully the life he is called to live. Christopher has an abiding faith in God. He and his Grandma Catherine begin each day watching the Daily Catholic Mass and they regularly pray together. Christopher knows that God is with him. Celebrations such as Easter, Christmas and birthdays bring him great joy, especially when the entire family gathers together.

With all of his limitations, one would think that Christopher's quality of life must be minimal. The opposite is true. He lives a full active life each and every day. From the time he wakes in the morning he is accompanied by his parents, support workers, friends and family. His parents have made sure that his quality of life is excellent by their determination to help build meaningful and lasting relationships with others. He is a super-fan of the Peterborough Petes, the Toronto Maple Leafs and the Toronto Blue Jays. In fact, each year he goes with his parents to Dunedin, Florida, so that he can attend the pre-season games of the Toronto Blue Jays... he knows them and they know him.

Christopher has taught us a great deal about what is most important in life. Each year as we scramble to buy Christmas presents for one another, we are left wondering what Christopher would like. Perhaps a new outfit, a new country music CD, a new hat, new mitts, or a new coat would fit the bill. We have come to discover that the gifts he appreciates most are those that have significance or remind him of

Newsletter - On Good Soil: Evangelization & Catechesis of Adults

- Serves as a source of inspiration and a way to connect with colleagues and partners in adult faith formation across Canada.
- <http://www.cccb.ca/site/eng/office-for-evangelization-and-catechesis/4323-on-good-soil>

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Greetings from the Office for Evangelization & Catechesis

"Winter's back is broken" My mother uses this phrase each year to indicate that spring is on its way. The days get longer, the sun seems to be warmer and snow appears to be melting. If only it were true, the past two weeks here in Ottawa have brought record snowfalls, freezing rain and all the chaos of winter storms.

It is during these times that I wonder why we allow ourselves to be inconvenienced by the weather – why we just can't seem to bring ourselves to slow down and be in the moment.

Years ago I spent some time in Itacombira, Brazil. As luck would have it, I was there during the rainy season. One afternoon, while homesick, I insisted on driving to the post office to see if there was any mail for me. I was warned that a downpour was imminent and it wasn't a good idea to venture out, but I could not be deterred. Halfway to my destination the skies opened and torrential rain came, reducing visibility to nothing. I kept driving until suddenly the right front wheel sank into a hole. The car stalled – I was going to need help. The rain continued to pour.

The street was empty; there were no cars going by, no pedestrians, and the local businesses were closed. Across the road, I noticed a family sitting on their porch, watching the rain and this strange woman standing in red mud trying to solve her problem. I summoned them to come and help me. They didn't budge – instead, they invited me to join them on the porch. Helpless and annoyed, I ran over and joined them. And there on that porch we sat around, chatted, laughed and waited out the storm. When the rain cleared, my new friends very kindly helped me get the car out of the hole and sent me on my way.

I couldn't help but think of this experience last week as my one-hour commute turned to two while driving home in that record snowfall. Buses were stuck and cars were in the ditches. I wondered, what was my rush? Why couldn't I and the thousands of others I was sharing the road with just sit and wait it out?

It seems to me that as we wait for winter's back to be broken, we are called to sit back, relax and wait. It seems especially true during this season of Lent. Our time may be better used for prayer, for reaching out to keep a neighbour company, or for personal reflection, renewal and reconciliation. It seems to me that this is the way we ought to prepare to celebrate Easter.

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"THIS GRACE-FILLED MOMENT ALSO CONCERNS YOU, DEAR YOUNG PEOPLE. I ENCOURAGE YOU TO TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN THIS CELEBRATION AND TO REALIZE THAT EACH OF YOU IS A CHILD OF GOD!"
(Change in the Rules of Canon for Young Men and Girls, 4 January 2016)

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Newsletter - *Encounter: Evangelization & Catechesis of Children, Youth and Families*

- Serves as a source of inspiration and a way to connect with colleagues and partners in catechesis across Canada.
- <http://www.cccb.ca/site/eng/office-for-evangelization-and-catechesis/4322-encounter>



Image: "Mother d'Youville teaching the Catholics in Châteauguay in 1767" 1962, by Hans Barnette, 1967-1986. Courtesy of the Grey Nuns of Montreal (1974-8-092).

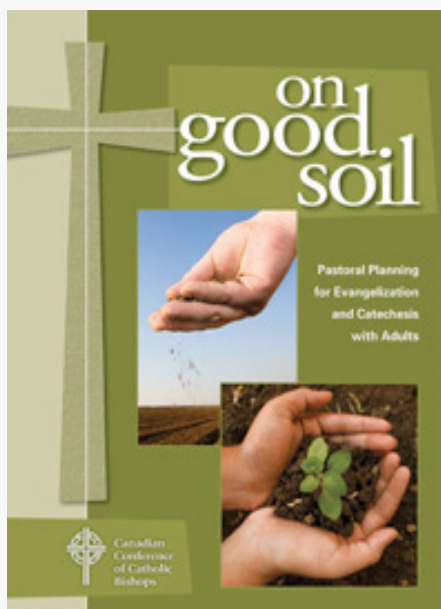
Prayer

Saint Marguerite d'Youville,
we turn to you in humble prayer
because your life speaks to us
of goodness, compassion and love
in a world of suffering, anguish and pain.
It is not unlike the world you knew
as you went about doing good
with a great love for the human family,
with preference for the poorest of all.
Your dream of universal charity
became a mission in the Church.
We give thanks to you for the
inspiring vision that is ours today
as your dream lives on.
May we learn as you did the life-giving power of love,
the profound peace of unfailing trust,
the deep mystery of suffering and pain,
the comfort of prayer,
Saint Marguerite, teach us to listen,
in the silence of our hearts,
to the God of Mercy and Compassion,
that we, too, may be signs of God's love
to all people of our word.
Amen.

Prayer Used with permission from Saint Marguerite d'Youville Shrine, Vancouver, BC

Celebrating Canadian Saints

- Catechetical activities for children aged 6-8 and 9-11 to celebrate the lives of Canadian Saints and Blesseds.
- <http://www.cccb.ca/site/eng/commissions-committees-and-aboriginal-council/sectoral-commissions/evangelization-and-catechesis-english-sector/documents>



On Good Soil: Pastoral Planning for Evangelization and Catechesis with Adults

- Discover relevant reflection, constructive suggestions and sound orientations for effective, life-giving evangelizing and catechetical ministry with adults.
- <https://esubmitit.sjpg.com/cccb/index.aspx?component=ProductDetails&id=183-290>



CRITERIA FOR CATECHESIS

ISSUED BY THE COMMISSION FOR EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS
CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

INTRODUCTORY LETTER

The *Criteria for Catechesis: Infancy to Age 18* has been developed as a resource that the Bishops of Canada and their consultants may use to assist in the identification and development of catechetical programs within the diocese. It will also be of use and interest to publishers, catechists, religious education consultants and teachers, as well as parents, in identifying age-appropriate catechesis for children and adolescents. Intended primarily for English-speaking Catholics of the Latin Rite, it is hoped it may also be of some assistance to Eastern Catholics as well as the French-Speaking, whose Bishops were consulted in the initial stages of its development.

The resource focuses on five cycles of the faith journey from infancy to young adulthood with themes identified for each stage. A web version enables easy access to the content according to each cycle. In addition to a detailed Table of Contents, a thematic and doctrinal index will assist those looking for information on specific themes and Church teachings. The "Scope and Sequence" section outlines the overall catechetical aim for each age, in addition to helpful proposals to assist in parenting, day-to-day moral living, family relations, celebrating the liturgical year, sacramental life, and living the faith in community and mission, together with further references to Church teaching.

Criteria for Catechesis is the result of not only many hours – but in fact some years – of consultation, reflection, research and review. The process was initiated by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and involved Bishops across the country working in collaboration with a team of experts in catechesis and theology.

Our Conference gratefully acknowledges the guidance and input by the Bishops serving on what was then the Commission for Religious Education, which did the original work under the chairmanship of Archbishop Richard Smith shortly before he was elected President of our Conference. The Commission in turn was assisted by the late Ms. Joanne Chafe, Director of the then National Office of Religious Education, and her executive assistant, the late Ms. Simone Carr. Their commitment to providing quality catechetical programming for children from infancy to young adulthood across Canada is reflected throughout this resource.

The Bishops of Canada are grateful as well to the current members of the Commission for Evangelization and Catechesis, under the chairmanship of Archbishop Albert LeGatt, who have completed this resource with the assistance of the Director and staff of our Conference's new Office for Evangelization and Catechesis. We also offer special thanks to the writing team, reviewers, proof readers and typographers for their commitment to seeing the project to its completion.

It is our hope that this resource will guide all who are engaged in catechesis. The words of Saint John Bosco remind us that our work to catechize children, adolescents and young adults is indeed a noble endeavor.

Do you want to do a good deed? Teach the young!

Do you want to perform a holy act? Teach the young!

Do you want to do a holy thing? Teach the young!

Truly, now and for the future, among holy things, this is the holiest.

– Don Bosco

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President
Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

November 1, 2015

Criteria for Catechesis

- A resource that the Bishops of Canada and their consultants may use to assist in the identification and development of catechetical programs within the diocese.
- http://www.cccb.ca/site/images/stories/pdf/Criteria_for_Catechesis.pdf

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“ON GOOD SOIL”

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SEPTEMBER 20-23, 2016
OTTAWA, ON

KEYNOTE SPEAKER | SR. ELIZABETH DAVIS, RSM

FACILITATOR | ANNE WALSH

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Association of Canadian Catholic Adult Formation (ACCAF)

- Annual Conference taking place September 20-23 in Ottawa, ON.
- The theme is “On Good Soil” and the conference focuses on strategies for adult faith development.
- Keynote speakers are Sr. Elizabeth Davis, RSM and Anne Walsh.
- <http://www.catholicadultformation.com/>